

Claim 9, line 1, change "method" to --kit--; change "2" to --30--.

Claim 10, line 1, change "method" to --kit--; change "2" to --30--.

Claim 20, line 1, change "method" to --treating--;

line 2, after "two" insert --contacting--.

Claim 21, line 1, change "method" to --treating--; cancel "preparations are"; cancel "and".

Claim 22, line 1, change "method" to --treating--; cancel "applying".

Claim 23, line 1, before "substrate" insert --wood--; change "method" to --treating--;

Claim 31 (Amended), line 3, before "additive" insert --aqueous--;

line 4, cancel "alcohol".

Kindly rewrite the following claims in amended form as below:

1. (Twice amended) A kit for imparting a pre-determined color to a solid wood substrate, comprising:

(a) an aqueous solution of a first compound consisting of a mineral salt and water as a first application on the solid wood substrate, and

(b) a second component comprising an aqueous solution of a peroxide as a sequential application on the solid wood substrate, the mineral salt and peroxide solutions [being capable, when] applied sequentially in effective amounts to the

substrate[, of] and reacting with each other in the presence of the substrate to impart the color to the substrate.

2. (Twice amended) [A method for] T[t]reating and coloring a wood substrate with the kit of claim 30 comprising the steps of:

- (a) contacting [a] the wood substrate with [a] first [formulation] component aqueous solution preparation comprising [an] the oxidizable metal salt, and allowing an effective amount of the first [formulation] component aqueous solution preparation to penetrate the wood substrate, and sequentially but without regard to order,
- (b) contacting the wood substrate with [a] the second [formulation] component aqueous solution preparation comprising an oxygen source, and allowing an effective amount of the second [formulation] component aqueous solution preparation to penetrate the wood substrate,
- (c) reacting in situ within the wood substrate the first and the second [formulation] component aqueous solution preparation with each other in contact with the wood substrate, and
- (d) imparting a stable color change to color characteristics of the wood substrate.

3. (Amended) The [method] kit of claim [2] 30, wherein the oxygen source is a peroxide and both [formulations] preparations are exclusively aqueous solutions.